

April 22, 2011

Representative Hugh Crawford  
Regulatory Reform Committee, Chair  
887 House Office Building  
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Re: SB245 (Proos) Construction; other; eligibility for beach or residential lift; allow adoption of local ordinance to set construction standards

Dear Representative Crawford,

The above referenced item SB 245 appearing before your committee at 10:30 AM on Wednesday April 27, 2011, leads me to be gravely concerned for the safety and well being of the end users should it be approved as submitted.

I have been involved in the elevator industry for over 41 years in the State of Michigan and have served on a National Elevator Safety Committee and the Elevator Safety Board for the State of Michigan. I am the past president of McNally Elevator Company, which is currently working on their 61<sup>st</sup> year in the elevator business and have enjoyed the opportunity to install, service and repair all types of elevator equipment in all types of environments.

SB 245, which is before your committee, does not take into consideration the level of safety required between an Inclined Elevator used by any adult, teenager or child and that of a Private Residence Inclined Elevator used by members of a single family. Michigan has been extremely diligent in providing safe elevator transportation for any person using elevator equipment. Any individual entering an elevator in our State takes for granted the system will operate safely and injuries will not be incurred. Achieving this level of comfort is directly related to the Rules and Regulations governing the respective equipment, the maintenance and service by competent mechanics and the oversight of the Elevator Safety Division.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers has a Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators known as ASME A17.1. Within that document a clear distinction is made between a "Private Residence Inclined Elevator" and "Inclined Elevators" The committees of A17.1 reviewed all safety concerns, use application and engineering requirements before forwarding the Standard for approval. In turn Michigan's Elevator Safety Division before updating and adopting codes has a diversified committee review the ASME A17.1 for modifications or approvals.